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REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Advisory Action dated May 16, 2007. The Advisory Action states that Applicant's were successful in overcoming the Examiner's obviousness rejections in their response to the Final Office Action dated January 4, 2007. However, the Advisory Action states that the pending claims were not allowable in the absence of a terminal disclaimer.

Applicants hereby submit a terminal disclaimer along with this communication to overcome the Examiner's provisional nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

Applicants also request continued examination of the present application. This request is accompanied by a supplemental information disclosure statement (SiDS). Applicants note that the majority of the references were cited in pending U.S. Patent Applications 10/374,754 (attorney docket no. 22956-208) and 10/374,772 (attorney docket no. 22956-206). Both of these applications are assigned to the same assignee as the present application, and are both currently being examined by Examiner Singh – the same Examiner as in the present application. In particular, Applicants point out a journal article to Murray et al, which was considered by the Examiner in the two pending applications discussed above.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider these references during the prosecution of the present application, and request that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks above, Applicants submit claims 1, 3-7, and 9-21 are in condition for allowance, and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would facilitate the resolution of any outstanding issues, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned.

In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 141449, under Order No. 22956-237.

Dated: June 4, 2007 Respectfully submitted,

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